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SUBJECT: UNSC REFORM: GHANA TO DROP VETO TO PRESS FOR SEATS

REF: A. COTONOU 00719

[1](#)B. SECSTATE 140191

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[1](#)D. ACCRA 01477

[1](#)E. ACCRA 1488

[1](#)F. SECSTATE 134316

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[1](#)1. (C) During an Aug. 2 discussion on the proposed Human Rights Council (ref B), MFA official Nana Bema Kumi told PolOff that Ghanaian Foreign Minister Nana Akufo Addo will join African heads of state and other ministers in Addis Ababa on Aug. 4 for a single-issue summit on UN Security Council reform. Asked whether this meant the GOG would now align with the G-4, she said the only differences between the AU and G-4 approach were the number of non-permanent seats for Africa which had been resolved and the desire for additional permanent seats to have the veto. Moving away from the GOG's prior stance on the necessity of the veto for African seats (ref D), she said, "We will drop the veto." She indicated that gaining permanent African seats on the UNSC was now the GOG's priority. She said she would depart Aug. 3 to accompany the Foreign Minister but that President Kufuor will not attend the summit.

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